

THE PRIZE WINNERS.
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from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore were passing through Southwest Virginia, when they saw the beautiful scenery, the excellent water-power and a fine site for a city. They at once bought land to build a city, whose growth has been marvelous to the world.

Roanoke has some very fine advantages. She has the minerals of the Southwest right at hand. She has fine railroad facilities to bring the ore to her furnaces. She has many great industries, such as the Roanoke Machine Works, the Crozer Furnaces, the Roanoke Rolling Mill, the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, the Bridgewater Carriage Works, the Roanoke Iron Company, the Roanoke Brewing Company, the Roanoke Bag Company, Brick and Tile Works, Sash, Door and Blind Factories and many others.

Roanoke has two fine railroads entering her and one under construction, which gives her ample means to send and receive goods from the north, south, east and west.

Roanoke has a great advantage over many other cities by having such a fine water power. She is supplied with water from a large spring, which bubbles out at the foot of a large mountain south of the city. She also has the water power of the Roanoke river, which has never had an industry on it, because the city has such a fine spring, which will furnish water for 100,000 people.

When a person once arrives at Roanoke and sees a city of only ten summers, so bright and prosperous, with such delightful climate and excellent place to start business, they can never leave it.

Roanoke has a great many fine hotels to accommodate the great number of people who come to visit one of the wonders of the world.

Roanoke has another advantage in her markets, which are supplied by the surrounding country.

Roanoke has three daily papers, which show her advantages to the whole world.

The Roanoke Times is the leading paper of the city.

We have now under contract the following industries and railroads, which will be of great advantage to the city: A boot and shoe factory, a stove factory, a spike and nail factory, and many others.

She will be the terminus of the Roanoke and Southern railroad. She will also have a first-class electric streetcar line, which is under construction.

Roanoke now has a population of 20,000 inhabitants and has a bright future.

ROBERT L. PAYNE,
Second Grammar Grade, First Ward School.

Miss Hepkaday, teacher.

V.

The first name of Roanoke was Big Lick, the reason why this name was given to it was on account of the dew that came to lick the ground, which was supposed to contain salt in a small degree. Later on the name of Big Lick was changed to that of Roanoke. The advantages of Roanoke are very great. The water, which is pure limestone, is pumped through pipes to the city, which is about two or three miles off. From one spring comes water enough to supply the city and more besides.

The situation of Roanoke has a great deal to do with its importance. It is situated between mountain ranges, which rise up all around it. Therefore Roanoke is situated in a mineral region. Roanoke is a good city for a poor man to live. He can get good wages for most anything he does here. The Rolling Mill, Crozer Iron Works, Roanoke Machine Works and various other machine works afford work for a large number of men.

The inhabitants of Roanoke number about 18,000, and are of different nationalities. The part of Roanoke called Newtown is better suited for a workingman than the part known as Oldtown. There are two railroads running through Roanoke, the Shenandoah Valley and the Norfolk and Western railroads. There is another road that will connect the Southern counties with Virginia. The Roanoke and Southern railroad will extend from Roanoke to North Carolina.

The improvement of this city is continually going on. Second street is being graded and an electric street railway is under construction. A dummy line already connects Roanoke and Vinton and also Roanoke and Salem. To look back and see how she has improved it seems as if it has the right name—"The Magic City."

MARY BAKER,
Room No. 1, Third Ward School.
Mr. Beckham, teacher.

VI.

Roanoke is a city of about seventeen thousand inhabitants, and but six years ago it had not one thousand souls. Look back to that time and see what an increase! Why, it is over sixteen thousand persons! It is the southern terminus of the Shenandoah Valley railroad, and it also contains the general offices of the Norfolk and Western railroad, which also enters this city. In reality there is but one railroad in Roanoke at present, for both the Shenandoah Valley and the Norfolk and Western are owned by the Roanoke and Southern Railroad Company. The Roanoke and Southern railroad, which is to enter Roanoke by Woodland Park, and is to extend two hundred miles southward, is nearing completion; it is also believed, in general, that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will have its southern terminus at Roanoke.

It has various industries, among which are the Crozer Iron Furnaces, who are erecting an electric plant, the American Iron and Bridge Works, the Roanoke Rolling Mill, the Virginia Brewery, the Norfolk and Western Railroad's Machine Works, at which both cars and engines are manufactured; and there are various other industries.

But ten years ago the streets of Roanoke were adorned with common board structures, common to every new town, but now look from a mountain down at Roanoke and you will see that those board structures have given way to fine dwelling houses of brick and buildings of good business capacity.

There is only one thing that should be improved for the benefit of the public that I, a little boy, can see, and that is the narrowness of the streets. Look at Salem avenue, a narrow sort of a street for a city; it is not wide enough for a carriage to turn around if there should be a vehicle of some kind hitched to a tying-post on one side of the street, and let alone if there be one on both sides. In the eyes of a great many men of busi-

NEWS! EXTRA!
Deep cut in prices on clothing for the holidays. Only a few days left.

Mens' suits and overcoats, youths' suits, boys' suits and childrens' suits, all must go. Such prices on seasonable, stylish, well-made and perfect-fitting clothing, at this period, has never been heard of, but rapid transit is what we advocate, and goods must move more lively.

HERE THEY ARE! THIS WEEK! FOLLOW CLOSELY.

All \$8, \$9, \$10 business suits go for \$7.

All \$11, \$12, \$13 dress suits go for \$9.

All \$14, \$15, \$16, \$18 finest suits, including fancy worsteds and wide wales, in fact the very choicest, go for \$12.

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All \$7 and \$8 serviceable overcoats go for a \$5 note.

All \$9 and \$10 dress overcoats go for \$7.

All \$11, \$12, \$13 fine light overcoats go for \$10.

All \$14, \$15, \$16, \$17 handsome, tailor-made overcoats, dark and light shades, go for \$12.

We'll knock the bottom out of profits; now for the boys.

All \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 children suits go for \$2. All sizes and patterns, nobly plaid.

IMPORTANT.

All whose intentions are to buy a NEW SUIT or OVERCOAT, or both, call here the coming week. We expect the liveliest week's trade we've had this season. Desirable clothing at surprising prices will do the business; where it takes \$10 elsewhere, it takes \$6 here; where it takes \$5 elsewhere, it takes about \$2 here. None so poor but who can buy our clothing this week.

CAPITAL AND LABOR CLOTHING HOUSE,

9 Salem Avenue (Kirk Building), Roanoke, Va.

ness, somebody will have to pay for it some day. Now, if the public officers of this city should alter this as soon as possible, it probably would not be so expensive as it will be two or three years hence.

Roanoke is not yet an old city, and there are a good many years yet for improvements, but the sooner they are made the less expensive they will be. If Roanoke increases in population as fast as she has for the past eight years it will soon be a large city, and every citizen will be proud to have Roanoke attached to his address. Though it is rather soon, I wish the citizens of Roanoke a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

JOSEPH D. FACKENTHAL,
Room No. 2, Grade A, Third Ward School.

VII.

In the year of 1880 there were only four hundred people in Roanoke, and now, in 1890, there are twenty thousand people. Roanoke is surrounded by mountains and is a very pretty place. They have eight churches and some large warehouses. They have two furnaces, the iron furnace and steel furnace. It has some large hotels, the Hotel and the Hotel de Leon. About seven years ago there was only one railroad running through it. There are twenty-five doctors in Roanoke. Mr. Trout has a very large farm and he owns a lot of property here in Roanoke. It has two graveyards.

Roanoke has the Norfolk and Western railroad and the Shenandoah Valley railroad. Roanoke has three fire companies, the Friendship Company, and Vigilant, and the Junior Hose Company. There is Salem, that is very near Roanoke, which is a pretty town. They have a dummy line running from Roanoke to Salem, which is a very useful thing. Mill Mountain was on fire last week and it looked very pretty at night. The dummy line will start to run by electricity and that will be nice. Roanoke has two market houses.

LIZZIE FISHER,
Room 3, B Grade, Third Ward School.

Honorable Mention.

VIII.

Somebody has said, "There is no place like home." With the same truth somebody will say, "There is no place like Roanoke."

Roanoke is called "The Magic City," but how it is magical I fail to see, as its seemingly magic growth is nothing but the natural sequence of its truly marvelous advantages.

Roanoke is situated in a charming valley, whose drainage is almost perfect and but little remained for man to do. The mountain views that may be obtained from Roanoke are grand and picturesque. Without the perfect climate of Roanoke many would depart daily from her borders, but once here they cannot resist the temptation to remain. The mineral advantages are great. It is surrounded by mountains in whose dark caverns many minerals are stored in such vast quantities that they can never be exhausted.

Roanoke possesses two large furnaces, a large machine shop, the rolling mills, the carriage works, the paper bag factory and many other industries, too numerous to mention. The skilled machinist, the laborer and the professional man will all find employment here.

Roanoke has two large cemeteries in which but little space is occupied, thus attesting to the healthfulness of Roanoke.

The dummy lines connect Salem and Vinton to Roanoke. It is proposed to start an electric street railway and with the characteristic energy of Roanokers it will, no doubt, soon be completed. The schools of Roanoke are among the finest in the State. Among them may be mentioned Mrs. Gilmer's school, Miss Featherstone's school, the public schools and Alleghany Institute. We have two public schools for white scholars and one for colored scholars. Superintendent Derr hopes to have two more white schools by the first of December, as the present ones are very much crowded.

The real estate agents are the liveliest, busiest and most polite set of gentlemen to be found. The stranger who comes here expecting to find a set of rough, idle men will be agreeably disappointed to say the least. They are always ready to show a stranger or resident over the city.

Roanoke is well lighted by gas and electricity. The daily papers of Roanoke are not to be surpassed by any in the State. The Times is especially bright, newsy and interesting.

Last, but not least, is the water: it would bring a throb of joy to the heart of any drinker of James (or any other) river water. SADIE FERGUSON,
Principal's Grade, First Ward School.

Prof. Mauzy, Teacher.

IX.

As I look at this subject it does not seem a very difficult one, as Roanoke has so many advantages over other cities. First, I will take its advantageous situation.

It is a city situated in Roanoke county, in the southwestern part of Virginia.

It has the advantage of two railroads, the Shenandoah Valley and the Norfolk and Western. These two pass through

Roanoke and make it a convenient shipping point.

It has lately gotten a street car line passing through the principal streets and connecting it with Salem and Vinton, thus having the street car make it convenient for the business men of the city to go to and from their work.

The depot of Roanoke is nicely kept, heated well and attended to by nice clerks, which make it agreeable to the passengers who wait there for the trains on which they travel.

Roanoke's institutions of learning are improving every year. Each ward has a school regulated by good rules, and the scholars are taught by efficient teachers. The high school, which will be ready by next season for those who will deserve promotion, will give credit to Roanoke.

The Alleghany Institute, a male college situated in the northwestern part of the city, is a good school.

Roanoke's Machine Works are not excelled by many others in the State. About one thousand men are employed, so they afford much work for the inhabitants of Roanoke.

The inhabitants of Roanoke are noted for their churchgoing. All of the churches are always filled, and many are turned away. The denominations are the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Campbellite and Catholic. So it is an advantage for any city to have churches and schools, for the more of these you have the less of jails.

Roanoke is not far excelled by any other city of its size in hotels, most of which are situated near the railroad.

Roanoke has the advantage of a large courthouse and good officers. The officers perform their work and deserve much credit.

Roanoke has a nice fireman's hall and several fire companies.

The news periodicals of Roanoke are an advantage to the people because they are always full of current events.

These foregoing paragraphs are the principal advantages of Roanoke, and are what has made and is making it such a city.

BEULAH CRUTE,
First Ward School, Principal's Grade.
Prof. Mauzy, teacher.

X.

Roanoke is in Roanoke county and in the upper valley of the Roanoke river.

Its former name was Gainsboro and was taken from a man by the name of Gains. After awhile it was called Big Lick. This name was taken from a place close to the stock yards. Mr. Gamble bored there for salt and the deer came and licked salt. It afterward was called Roanoke; this name means sea-shell.

The population is about 20,000.

It has two railroads—the Norfolk and Western and the Shenandoah Valley.

Roanoke has a great many mills and factories—the Bridgewater Carriage Company, the American Bridge Works, the Roanoke Machine Works, rolling mills, furnaces, ice factories and plating mills.

Salem avenue, Jefferson, Campbell and Commerce streets are the principal streets.

The value of property is about \$18,000,000.

Roanoke has good schools and has seven religious denominations.

Roanoke has people from almost every State in the Union.

It has three newspapers—THE ROANOKE TIMES, the Roanoke Herald and the Evening World.

Mr. Terry, Mr. Woodman, Mr. Fishburne and Mr. Pope are the owners of fine residences.

The rainfall is about 4.5 inches. The climate is healthful.

OTTO STOVER,
Third Grammar Grade, First Ward School.

Miss Stone, teacher.

XI.

Roanoke, formerly known as Big Lick, was an Indian name for sea shells, and they used it as money.

It is on the Roanoke river, at the slopes of the Blue Ridge mountains, in a fertile valley 907 feet above the level of the sea. Owing to its altitude and perfect natural drainage, there is not much sickness. The city of Roanoke has a delightful climate, and is rarely excelled for the comfortable enjoyment of life, and for preservation of health.

The "Magic City" owns a complete system of water works, with an ample supply of the best mountain spring water. Roanoke has 20,000 inhabitants, justly noted for their social refinement, cordial hospitality, high moral tone, and religious character.

Gas and electric lights are all over the city; it looks beautifully.

Roanoke has a very fine and large court-house, in the rear of which is the city jail, built of solid stone, containing thirty-two cells.

She has two very fine public schools for the white students.

She has a dummy line of sixteen miles, connecting Salem, Vinton and Roanoke. The Shenandoah Valley railroad runs from Hagerstown, Md., to Roanoke.

Her chief industries are the Roanoke Machine Works, American Bridge and Iron Works, and the Rolling Mill.

People have flocked here from all parts of the world to work in the shops. The Commercial Club, Roanoke daily papers, and the Real Estate Exchange have done more for Roanoke than anything or anyone. The real estate

agents, shops, and the schools have done a lot for Roanoke.

ANNIE M. WOODROOPE,
Second Grammar Grade, First Ward School.
Miss Hockaday, teacher.

XII.

Roanoke was about ten years ago a small town called Big Lick. It soon commenced to grow then and had a boom that lasted for some time and then died and nothing was done for some time. Then another boom came—railroads were made through the town, public schools, factories, stores, hotels, churches and many large and fancy brick and frame houses were built. Now there are seven churches, two white public schools, one colored and one Catholic; besides, there are a great many pay schools. There are the machine shops and the furnaces—the two principal places where the most work is carried on.

The Norfolk and Western and the Shenandoah Valley railroads pass through here. There are street cars running throughout the city. There are two dummy lines—one goes to Salem and the other to Vinton.

There are five or more hotels. In the summer the grounds of the Roanoke Hotel are laid out the prettiest, and they have the prettiest flowers of any place that I know of in Roanoke.

The Hotel Ponce de Leon is a very large building not yet completed, they are trying to make it as nice as the one in Florida, but I do not think they will do it.

There is a large brick postoffice here also, and so many large stores that I could not name half of them if I were to try.

On the other side of the city (over toward the river) there are a great many large brick residences. I think the prettiest part of the city is over there. There are a great many Northern people living here.

Some people say that if it were not for the Northern people coming down here Roanoke never would have been anything.

There are about 20,000 inhabitants here now, I think. ALICE BROOKS,
First Grade, Third Ward School.
Mr. Beckham, principal.

XIII.

Roanoke is situated in an excellent and beautiful place. It is called the "Magic City." Roanoke is a very industrial town, and is getting along considerably in its industrial pursuits. There are a great many beershops, besides a great many pool and billiard rooms. The progress of Roanoke is astounding and I for one am glad. The population of Roanoke at the present time is twenty thousand, and in 1880 the population was only four hundred. Now you know the progress of Roanoke in population is great and wonderful. Roanoke has five hotels of the following names: The Hotel, the Palace, the Continental and the Ponce de Leon and Roanoke. There are three railroads, the Roanoke and Southern, the Norfolk and Western and the Shenandoah Valley.

There are a great many retail groceries and dry goods stores. Among the grocery stores are Fishburne & Jones; among the dry goods stores are Snider, Hassler & Macbano's. There are two depots, the freight and the passenger depot. There are eight churches, the Baptist, the Northern Methodist, the Catholic, the Southern Methodist, the Christian, the Lutheran and the Presbyterian. There are three furnaces and two factories, the paper-box factory and the ice factory. There are twenty-five doctors.

Roanoke has one postoffice and a great many livery stables. There are four bakeries, which are of much importance, the City bakery, Bowman's bakery, Catogni's and one on Well street. There are four papers, THE TIMES, the Herald, the Evening World, and our school paper, the Public Scholar.

Roanoke has one river. We have two skating rinks. The streets of Roanoke are lighted up by gas and electric lights. It has very fine water power. There are three or four railroad offices. Roanoke has two public schools the First ward and the Third ward. They are going to have overhead bridges. They will be of great benefit to the people of Roanoke.

MYRTA SOUES,
Room No. 2, A grade, Third ward school.

Everybody reads THE TIMES "Want Column." If you have houses or rooms to rent, property or anything else to sell put a small Ad. in THE TIMES, it will bring you calls.

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WANTED—A young lady stenographer and typewriter desires position. Best of references. Address "A" Box 131, City. dec24-3t

PROF. P. GOERNER has a few evening hours open for pupils on piano, violin, cello or vocal culture. Address at earliest convenience P. GOERNER, 315 Commonwealth ave. dec24-1wk

IF YOU WISH ALL THE LATEST magazines, newspapers, novels, etc., call at Continental Hotel News Stand. dec23-1t

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PART OF AN OFFICE FOR RENT in front Times building; also four rooms Salem ave. Apply at Times Business office. Also 7-room dwelling on Commonwealth ave. dec23-1w

WANTED—A purchaser for a second-hand coffee and peanut roaster plant good as new. A bargain and money in it for an enterprising man. For terms and particulars apply to W. M. LAYMAN, Bousack's, Va., dec21-1w

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished, 518 Salem avenue s. w. dec21-2t

HOUSE FOR RENT—A house furnished is offered for rent, the occupant reserving a room with or without board. Persons with small children need not apply. Renters will not be allowed to keep boarders. Reference given and required. Apply at 505 or 515 Third street southwest. dec21-1t

GOOD board can be obtained by persons giving proper references, at No. 711 Salem avenue. dec20-1w

FOR RENT—A large front room unfurnished, with or without board. Address, P. O. Box 556, City. dec17-1w

WANTED—For a customer a lot on Salem avenue, between Commerce and Jefferson streets. Parties having such property will consult their interest by listing with us at once. CUTCHIN, ELLIS & CO. dec17-1w

FOR RENT—Large, pleasant rooms (centrally located) furnished or unfurnished. No. 24 Franklin street. dec16-1m

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FOR A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF Christmas presents call at D. L. SOLOMON'S, 108 Salem avenue. dec16-1w

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